



CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER



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UNIDIRECTIONAL WATER MAIN FLUSHING CONTINUES

As was published in the fall issue of the City Scene and on the City's website, the City completed five days of hydrant flushing utilizing a unidirectional flushing method. Unidirectional flushing is a systematic method of closing valves and opening hydrants to direct water at high velocities through targeted segments of pipe. This year is the first year that the City has used this method which was planned by its consulting engineer, utilizing computer modeling of the City's water distribution system. In doing so, the City has found that the process is slower than in the past. The need to operate distribution valves takes more time and on day five of the program, **Sewer & Water Maintenance Employees** are beginning to flush what was planned to be completed on day three. Despite being behind schedule, there are many positive things that are occurring with this type of flushing method as compared to previous programs. At this point in the process, it appears that less water is being used while a better flush of the system is obtained and according to charts at the treatment facilities, there is less hammer on the system. Other general benefits that unidirectional flushing offers is better water quality both during and after the flush (which should save chemical costs to treat it and make it safe to drink), while at the same time, system valves are being exercised. At this time, properties east of IL Rt. 47 are being flushed. See the schedule on the City's website for details about the schedule for your area and avoid washing clothes during the daytime hours when hydrants are being flushed. Flushing will not occur on Saturdays or Sundays.

GOT DRUGS? SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, the **Woodstock Police Department** will again participate in the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take-Back Day event from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in the public parking lot (east side of the building.)

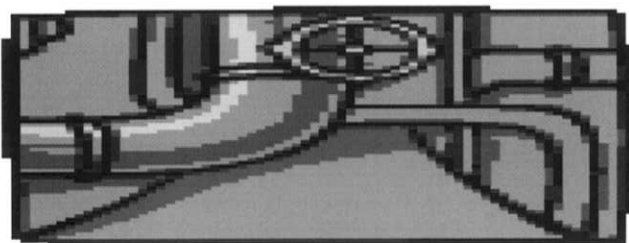
Start your fall cleaning now in your medicine cabinets, cupboards and drawers. Any and all prescription or over-the-counter drugs will be accepted if they are in pill form (no liquids or syringes.) You can bring in as few or as many as you have – there is no minimum or maximum. The drugs will be accepted no questions asked and will then be properly destroyed by the DEA in an environmentally safe fashion.

If you cleaned out your own medicine cabinet last time, help your parents or grandparents clean out theirs this time around. The service is free and your privacy is protected. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle – you can drive-by and drop off and be on your way.

For further information, please call Tamara Reed at 815-338-6787 or visit the website www.nationaltakebackday.com.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Half Price Fines Week

Monday, September 17 through Sunday, September 23, the **Woodstock Public Library** will cut the cost of overdue fines in HALF. Pay only HALF the total amount for overdue fines, lost or damaged charges, and collection agency fees. Half -Price Fines Week covers only Woodstock Public Library materials and not those borrowed from other libraries.

Overdue or lost books, DVDs and other materials are very expensive for the library because it means that the library has to purchase new copies to replace the overdue or lost items. This once-a-year half price fines week encourages customers with outstanding items to return the materials and clear up their library card account.

Reading with Rover

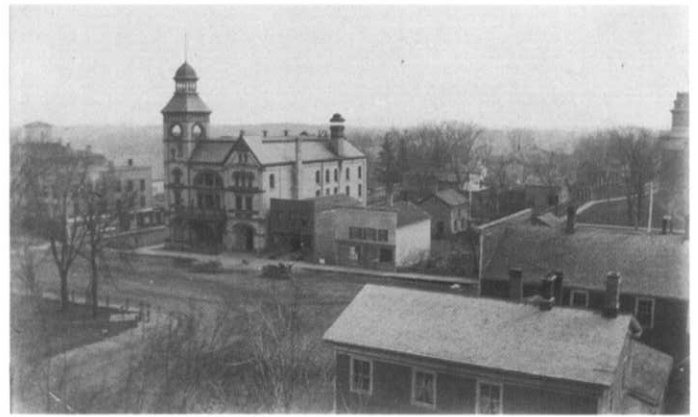
Reading aloud is a great way for students to become better readers, and no one is a better listener than certified-therapy dog Kalani and his friends! Independent readers in Grades 1-5 are encouraged to bring a book and read aloud for 15-minutes to a patient, furry friend in a no-pressure environment. The event is on Saturday, September 22 from 10:00-11:30AM. Please call 815-338-0542 or email (library@woodstockil.gov) for more details.



Historic Photographs of Woodstock

Curious to see photographs of the old Courthouse and the Woodstock Square from a hundred years ago? Visit the Woodstock Public Library's collection of historic Woodstock photographs on the library's Flickr photostream:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/woodstockpubliclibrary/collections>



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, September 18 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 19 – Transportation
Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

RECRUITMENT NEWS

Interviews were held this week with candidates for **LPT Café Worker** for the **Woodstock Opera House**. The recruitments below remain posted on the City's website and other appropriate outlets.

Library Director

The City of Woodstock and the Woodstock Public Library Board of Trustees and Woodstock Rural Library Board are conducting a search for a dynamic, forward-thinking individual for the position of Library Director with the beautiful Woodstock Public Library. Full-time position plans, organizes, administers and directs operations and services for all library patrons. For more information and application materials, please visit: <http://www.johnkeister.com/library/woodstock/>.

Public Works Director

The City of Woodstock seeks candidates for Public Works Director. This position reports to the City Manager and is responsible for directing, developing, organizing, planning, and implementing all Public Works-related services and programs covering 7 divisions: Administration/Engineering, Streets, Parks, Sewer & Water Maintenance, Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, and Fleet Maintenance.

Minimum qualifications: Master's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Civil Engineering or related field, with Registered Professional Engineer status and five (5) years progressively responsible supervisory experience in public works required. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Starting salary range: \$83,442 - \$106,483 DOQ, with excellent benefit package.

A position profile and required application materials may be obtained on the City's website: www.woodstockil.gov under Employment Opportunities. If needed, you may email your request to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov.

THEATRE EXPANSION BREAKS GROUND!

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Classic Cinemas' Woodstock Theatre expansion were held this past Wednesday morning. Those in attendance included **Mayor Brian Sager** and **City Council members Maureen Larson, Julie Dillon, and Dick Ahrens**. Also attending were Willis and Shirley Johnson of Classic Cinemas, their son Chris Johnson, and **City Manager Tim Clifton**. Site cleanup and preparation will continue and actual construction activity is anticipated to start shortly thereafter. Construction of this project is expected to be completed by this time next year.

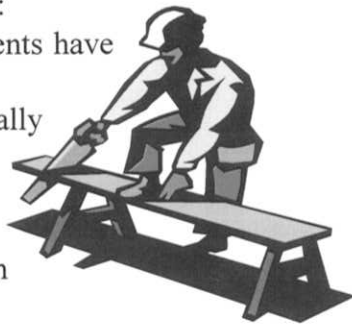


Application deadline: Tues., October 30, 2012, 7:00 PM. EOE.

YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS APPROVED – WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Plans for your remodeling project or new construction have been approved by Woodstock's building inspectors. You've finished the project and it has passed all its required building inspections. This means that:

- Building code requirements have been reasonably met.
- Construction generally complies with the approved plans.
- Municipal code requirements have been reasonably met.



It does not mean that:

- Warranty items are covered.
- Workmanship, finishing and materials are of high quality.
- Contractual obligations between the homeowner and the contractor are fulfilled.
- Contractor's promises have been kept.

While building plans are reviewed for compliance with applicable regulations, municipal inspectors do not oversee and observe the entire construction process. They can only observe and inspect work product at key points during the project. It is therefore possible that items may be missed or will not meet code because of contractor mistakes, inexperience, or worse. The inspection process is designed to promote safe construction but not to eliminate all errors. State statutes recognize this and specifically provide that municipalities and their inspectors cannot be held liable for making an inadequate or a negligent inspection. An oversight on the part of an inspector does not relieve the builder from complying with applicable building and construction codes or regulations. In light of the limited role and scope of a municipal inspection program, the importance of hiring skilled contractors and having a good design is essential. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that all work is properly performed pursuant to any agreements or contracts entered into.

TOUCH A TRUCK DRAWS CROWD

Close to 500 people attended *Touch a Truck* this past weekend in Emricson Park. The **Recreation Department** partnered with District 200's Fit 4 the Future Walk in hopes to draw more of a crowd to the park to participate in both events.

Thanks to the following businesses that participated in the event; **Woodstock DPW, Woodstock Police Department, Woodstock Fire Rescue District, Flight for Life, JA Frate, Gaver's Towing, Star105.5, Nierman Landscape & Design & Colonial Restaurant.**

Pictured is Flight for Life after they landed in the South Street Parking Lot.



REC CENTER PREPARES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Pictured are front counter staff members **Matt** and **Tyler Westman** racking the new set of ergonomic, hexagonal rubber coated dumb bells in the weight lifting area at the Rec Center, replacing the old iron set pictured in the foreground.

Since the close of Cardinal Fitness in mid-August, the Rec Center has added **112 new members** bringing total full-time memberships to **1024**, 36 temporary, and 45 punch cards, numbers normally experienced only in January when the New Years Resolution members join. There are also 139 youth members whose memberships are free with a full-time member parent.

With the anticipated influx of new members, staff evaluated the various areas of the fitness center and determined that the weight area needed some upgrades. This evaluation also led to the decision to move some of the more popular and well attended fitness classes to the fitness room at the Woodstock Square Mall to alleviate parking concerns.



HEALTH & SAFETY MESSAGE: SHUT-OFF FOR BETTER SHUT-EYE

With the advent of more and more tiny tech screens...laptops, netbooks, tablets, e-readers, smart phones...more people than ever are cuddling up with such equipment in bed and using the time right before sleeping for both entertainment and continued information seeking purposes, with unfortunate results.

According to researchers at the Lighting Research Centre at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, it appears that the bluish light from electronic screens mimics daylight and effectively suppresses the release of melatonin, nature's sleep-inducing chemical. This can cause difficulty falling asleep, as well as limit the quality of deep sleep achieved.

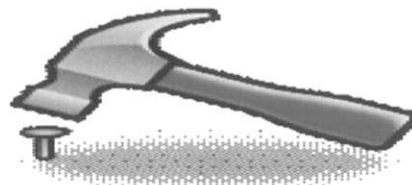
While it's always been known that watching television in bed is ill-advised for sleep efficiency, the small size of the newer devices means they are held even closer to our eyes, therefore intensifying the negative effects.

If you must use such equipment late at night, dim the screen as much as possible and limit your exposure time to ensure an adequate night's rest. Better yet, try picking up a good book for effective old-fashioned relaxation!

Quote

If you only have a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.

Abraham Maslow



"STAMP" OUT DRUGS

Dare Fundraiser presented by

Robin Karolewicz, Stampin' Up! Demonstrator -- www.robinkarol.stampinup.net
(Web site must be viewed with Mozilla NOT Internet Explorer)

What: Stamp-a-Stack Fundraiser for Dare Officer Gustis. I have designed 3 different cards. You will make 2 of each card, including envelopes. Plus - you will also make 2 of an adorable 3-D project! Everything will be cut, packaged, and ready for you to assemble. Don't think you're crafty? Don't worry! I will bring helpers!

Where: Woodstock North High School - 3000 Raffel Road, Woodstock -- We will meet in the cafeteria.

When: Tuesday -- October 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Why: Each year, Officer Gustis, must find new and innovative ways to meet his budget to continue the Dare program. As you know, he helps to give our children the life skills they need to avoid involvement with drugs, gangs, and violence. It's time for all of us to pull together and assist him in his goal.

I have been a 911 dispatcher for the Woodstock Police Department for the past 21 years. Each year I have witnessed the Dare Office struggle with being able to fund the Dare program. As a Stampin' Up! Demonstrator, by night, I have come up with a new and creative way for all of us to help!

I am asking for a \$25.00 donation. The Dare Program will receive \$20.00 of this! The other \$5.00 will be used towards the purchase of supplies that will be needed for you to complete your cards/project. You will need to bring adhesive, scissors, and a bone folder with you. If you do not have, or are unsure of what some of these things are, I will be happy to order them and have them for you on the night of our fundraiser. Please add the cost of the items to your class fee. Prices include tax and shipping. Plus I will donate my FULL commission on any of these products that are ordered!!!

Snail Adhesive	Item #104332	\$ 8.18
Snail Refill	Item #104331	\$ 5.30
Bone Folder	Item #102300	\$ 8.18
Paper Snips	Item #103579	\$11.72

Please complete the information below. Please PRINT. Submit the completed form along with your donation and supply order in a sealed envelope. Have your child turn this into their teacher or into the office staff. Officer Gustis will collect these and forward them to me. Please make all checks payable to Robin Karolewicz.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door for some great door prizes! All proceeds will also be donated to DARE!

I will be limiting this fundraiser to 100 people. Please know that this is an ADULT ONLY function.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday -- September 17, 2012 by 3:00 pm.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address (needed for reminder): _____

Donation	\$25.00	_____
Snail Adhesive	\$ 8.18	_____
Snail Refill	\$ 5.30	_____
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Paper Snips	\$11.72	_____

TOTAL _____